



Let's Get Together!
Helping parents support student success



About *Let's Get Together!*

Let's Get Together! is a social enterprise that creates opportunities for students, parents, schools and community organizations to access learning resources that support student achievement.

Let's Get Together! began when two mothers volunteered in their children's schools. After successfully introducing the schools to external student learning and well-being resources, they witnessed a profoundly positive impact within their school communities. Both parents recognized an opportunity to help other schools access valuable information to enhance engagement among parents, families, businesses and organizations.

Today, our ever-growing network of subject matter experts, businesses and organizations work to strengthen family-school-community ties and empower parents to become more engaged with their children's education. Every child deserves the opportunity to create their own success: academically, socially, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

We deliver resources to parents and schools through five primary vehicles:

1. A comprehensive **online learning resource centre**
2. **School Council information** and support
3. Extended learning opportunities through our **Community Learning Hub**
4. **In-class sessions and field trips** linked to the education curriculum
5. Writing the **Parents Reaching Out Grant** on behalf of schools
6. An all-inclusive **Parent Expo** for connecting and networking.

Our Vision

Let's Get Together! is the leading resource connector for parents, schools and community organizations.

Our Mission

At the heart of our mission is a single goal: empower parents to become more engaged in their children's education while creating community partnerships to support them.

Our Values



More importantly...



With our comprehensive online resource hub, carefully crafted workshops and programs, *Let's Get Together!* positively impacts the lives of parents and their children by providing access to important tools for success.

We collaborate with school boards and educational institutions to ensure programs align with the priorities and improvement plans of the school and its student population. Schools benefit from our resources that complement and support the curriculum, contributing to improved student engagement and achievement, offered in exciting and interactive format to deliver valuable insight and information to students and teachers alike.

Let's Get Together! empowers parents through activities that educate and enhance family well-being. Parents that volunteer in their school councils can access a robust resource that is:

- Affordable
- Simple to navigate
- Supported by staff that truly understands the challenges they face.



Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant

Pick a *Let's Get Together!* subject matter expert and we'll help you write your Parents Reaching Out Grant application and evaluation. Ask us how!

Our Resources, Workshops and Programs

Let's Get Together! connects parents, students, schools and the community to resources and experiences that excite, engage and educate.

LEARNING RESOURCES

Contests, Competitions and Challenges
Fundraising and Grants
Religion and Spirituality
Scholarships and Bursaries
Special Education
Student and Teacher Exchange Programs
Videos and Podcasts
Volunteering and Community Outreach

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Arts, Music and S.T.E.M.
Cultural Programs
Events for Parents, Students, Teachers and Families
Health, Nutrition and Well-being
Leadership and Team-building
Literacy, Numeracy and Social Media in the classroom
Parenting
School Council

Please visit www.letsgettogether.ca to learn more about the unique resources and opportunities.

Workshop Specials!



Interested in attending or hosting a *Let's Get Together!* workshop? Would you like to help spread awareness about *Let's Get Together!*? If you answered "yes!" to either of these questions, read on for details about our workshop promotions receive discounts of up to \$40.

10% off

Welcome Treat

New customers receive a 10% discount off their first workshop. Maximum value: \$40.

5% off

Multi-Booking

Book three or more workshops and receive 5% off all workshops. Maximum value: \$40.

\$10 off

Spread the Word

Refer our services to a new customer and both parties receive a \$10 discount off their next workshop.

WIN

Share a Resource

Share three new learning resources to add to our roster and we will enter you into our monthly draw.

Testimonials

“ I attended a Let's Get Together! event to play board games and had a great time. As a teacher and board game aficionado, I whole-heartedly agree with their philosophy of using board games to promote social skills and communication, as well as game-specific skills such as forward planning, critical thinking, and logic. The event allowed me to try new games that I could use with my students, some of which match up nicely with concepts taught in the grade-level curriculum! Learning is more meaningful when children are engaged in the task, and fun certainly promotes engagement. ”

Scott Kelly, Parent and Educator

“ When I first heard of Let's Get Together!, I was Co-Chair of Cluster D5's CPSC group within the TDSB and Chair of my own school's Parent Advisory Council. Time was steadily slipping away from me to make full use of the PRO Grant my school had been awarded for the year. Jocelyn and Alison from Let's Get Together! were familiar with working on PRO Grant proposals and had ideas to take the most use of our grant. Based on our PRO Grant topic, we elected presenters who were fun, very professional and who completely captivated the audience. The presentation was fantastic and parents, students, and teachers only had good things to say about it afterwards. Let's Get Together! thinks of the whole process from start to finish, and are always there for support. I'll surely be in touch with Let's Get Together! again in the near future and happily recommend you to all the schools I come in contact with. ”

Heather Vickers, Parent and School Council Chair

We are in this together!



Both parents and teachers believe in classroom volunteers

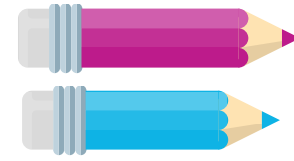
Source: <http://elearninginfographics.com/parent-volunteers-in-the-classroom-infographic/>



99% of parents and **97% of educators** feel that volunteers are necessary or nice in the classroom



85% of parents and **87% of educators** feel that volunteering gives parents the opportunity to support and encourage their children



81% of parents and **77% of teachers** say volunteering shows a student's family values education

80%

of school councils ranked **enhancing communication between the school and parents** as one of their top three most important roles, but more than one third said that they spent the most time on fundraising.

Councils report attendance ranging from

1 to 35 parents

but the average number of parents has remained consistent at **10 parents per meeting**.

63%

of school councils report engaging in fundraising activities.

18%

of school councils **use social media** (Facebook, Twitter) **to communicate**, up from 12% last year.

81%

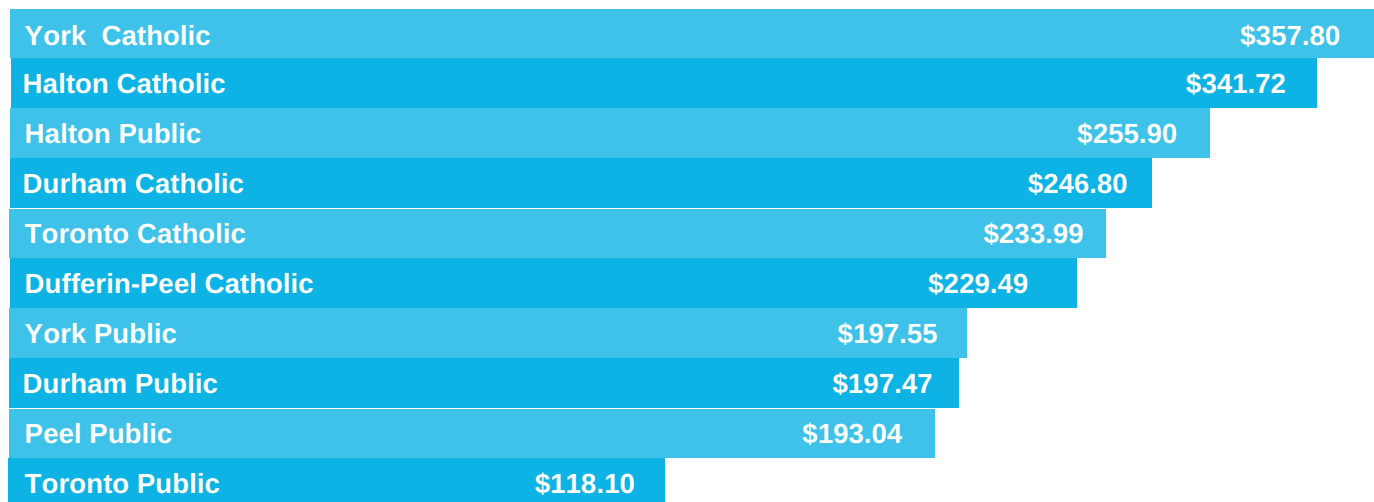
of school councils report **communicating with parents by email**.

ONLY 16% say that the school provides parents' email addresses to them and **ONLY 8%** have all parents on their email list.

Source: People for Education's Annual Report on Ontario's School Councils 2013, via Toronto Star

Average amount per elementary student

Schools across the GTA raise money through school council fundraising, trips, cafeteria sales and other initiatives.



Source: School boards, Andy Bailey and Patty Winsa / Toronto Star 2016